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Occasion'd by the

DEATH

Of that most excellent Princess, our late *Gracious Sovereign Lady,*

Mary the Second,

Of Glorious Memory.

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UPON THE

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OF THE

QUEEN.

I.

FAding and Fugitive, alas!
Is life and all its tranſient Joys,
Which men purſue with *big* Con-
cern and Noiſe.

Like *poſting ſhades* they come and go,
Capriciouſly they ebb and flow, (do:
As in their *ſilver tides* the fickle Waters
Time's *little Envoys* that inhabit Glaſs,
With ſilent ſpeed the moments paſs,
Fleet, in their brittle houſe they run,
(Sun.
With Heaven's Antartick Traveller, the
(day,
They count his Lucid Journeys in the
(Ray.
And in the *Night* purſue his abſent
Yet they, with all their pious haſte,
(ſo faſt
With all their *ſhare of heels*, ſcarce run
(*is paſt*.
As human life, *that was*, *and is*, *and then*

II.

To Nature's dark Retreats we all *muſt* go,
Inexorable *Fate* will have it ſo;

The

The *raw bon'd Archer* hits us all;
Struck by his Old Victorious Dart, we fall.
The pious, witty, fair and ſtrong,
The *ſnowy aged*, and the *fiery young*,
They all muſt croſs the *ſooty Lake* at laſt,
And the oblivious Waters taſte;
Even *they*, who *by their High Deſcended Birth*,
Do *Perſonate* the Gods on Earth;
The awful Sons of *Purple Majeſty*,
that wear the *Tyrian* Fiſhes Livery,
They likewiſe ſoon or late
Muſt bend their conſecrated Heads to fate,
Wrapt up in dull *Narcotick* Lead,
A fit reception for the cold and Dead;
In balmy Urns they lye,
The *Aromatick* ſpoils of Deſtiny.

III.

What Head can hope to be
Exempted from Mortality;

Who can ſecure their hov'ring Breath,
When *Glorious Mary* yeilds to Death?
She in whom Luſtre, Pomp and Grandeur ſhin'd,
And all the *God like Gifts* combin'd,
A graceful Aſpect, and a Port Divine,
A Female Sweetneſs, Courage Maſculine,
Majeſtick Dread, yet free Addreſs,
Awe, without Superciliouſneſs,
Kind clemency, and *bright Imperial Meen,*
All theſe united, in her looks were ſeen;
Nor were the Dowry's of her Soul
Leſs Charming than her *outward Parts,*
By both ſhe purchas'd Love, by both ſhe gain'd our Hearts;
Thoſe immaterial wonders of the Mind,
A well-form'd Judgment, and a Wit refin'd,
A Fortitude, that made her ſtand ſedate,
'Midſt the Convulſions of a *giddy State,*

A Piety, that breath'd Seraphick Flame,
Unſully'd Honour, and a ſpotleſs Fame,
A Charity, unbounded, large, and Free,
Diffuſive as the Deity.
All theſe Baſilick Graces in her met,
to make the Saint, elaborately great.

IV.

Whilſt ſome, Drunk with Deſpotick ſway, did try,
To raiſe the ſcenes of hated Tyranny,
Our *Charming Regent ſtrove*
To Govern, by the milder Laws of Love;
For well the gentle *Empreſs* knew,
That *Mercy* was the All-cementing Glue,
That ſtubborn Crouds to chearful Homage drew;
Even her Foes, inhuman, fierce, and rude,
She gain'd, by *all indearing Manſuetude*,
And by *Pacifick Arts* did try,
To make 'em bluſh at their Diſloyalty.
Thus ſafe, without the *Brawny Switz* to Guard,
Or the *dull Teague*, to fill her *Palace-yard.*
She, the bright Sexes Ornament and Pride,
Liv'd much belov'd and more lamented dy'd,

Leaving

Leaving the *Brittiſh Chronicles* a Name,
That ſhall to endleſs Age her Worth Proclaim,
Born on the never-molting Wings of Fame.

V.

But, tho with *Gentle Reins*, ſhe Rul'd us here,
Abroad ſhe taught her Foes to fear,
Like the Melliſluous Lion *Sampſon* ſlew,
She had her *Strength*, as well as *Sweetneſs* too,
So haughty *Tourvil* knew;
Who, when he came t' inſult the *Brittiſh* Shore,
Proud of a *Triumph bought before*;
She in the greateſt hazards, *calmly brave*,
Steadily Conſtant, Wiſe and Grave,
With an Intrepid *Roman* Heart did hear
Th' *amazing Tidings*, yet diſdain'd to Fear;
She ſent her *Fulminating Navy*'s out,
And *Ruſſel* put the baffl'd *Gaul* to ſhameful Rout;
With like ſucceſs, of old *Briareus* ſtrove
To Vanquiſh all the Deities above;
Jove, and his Goddeſs, both Survey'd the Fight,
Reſolving to maintain *Elizium*'s Right;
Vext at the *many-handed Man*, (gain,
They hurl'd their powerful Thunders once a-

And

(thrown,
And when they had the brandiſh'd Vengeance
They quickly ſtruck the bold Aggreſſour down,
(own.
Rally'd the routed Gods, and bravely kept their

VI.

You, that *with unjudicious Joy*, did wait,
To hear of *Mary*'s mournful Fate,
Leave off to be Profanely Rude,
Come, and ſee ſorrow in its *Pulchritude*,
View in the *Britiſh Nymphs* a Noble ſtrife,
Who ſhould excel in more Ingenious Grief,
Clad, like the *Sunleſs World*, in ſhades they go,
Yet bright they ſhine in their Eclipſes too,
Gracing Afflictions, and *adorning Woe* :
So when the Queen of *Probity* was driven,
By mens unequal deeds, from Earth to Heaven,
Diana broke her Silver Bow,
And all the lovely Chaſtities below,
Knowing the *Goddeſs* would no more return,
Put on their *Sables*, and agreed to Mourn.

VII.

But we in vain our Pious Woes relate,
Thin are the Threads that fill the Loom of Fate,
Time deals with man, as man with Trees,
He ſtrikes the ſtately Timber down,
And lets the ignominious Weeds alone,
The *Trees* of *Celcitude* receive his blow,
Whilſt unaſpiring ſhrubs rejoyce and grow;
Death loves to play at *Royal Game*,
Oft ſpares the *Rural* homely Dame,
And Strikes the *Queen of Glory, Worth amd Fame*?
Thus a large *Oak*, that long had ſtood,
The top and Ornament of all the Wood,
Of each inferiour *Tree*,
The ſheltring Monarch he,
Struck by the unregarding Ax, muſt lye,
On the cold ſurface Dead and Dry,
And mourn'd by all the *Vegetable Family*,

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